

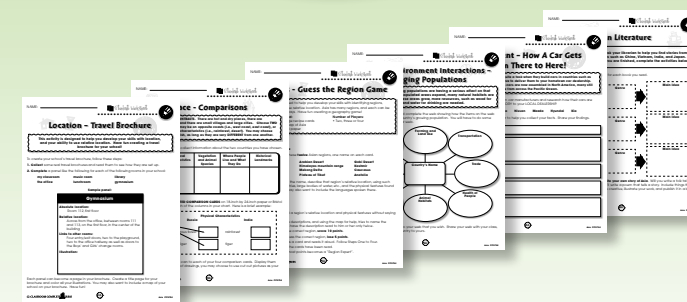
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## Asia - Regions



1. In your own words, describe your classroom. What interesting features does it have? Make a short list describing the things in your classroom.

2. A **region** is an area of land that can be described by the following things:

a) size (large or small)



b) changes over time



c) physical characteristics (hills, valleys, rivers, etc.)



d) where, how, and why people live there



Think of where you live, pretending that your home (house, apartment, townhouse, etc.), yard, and nearby neighborhood is a region. How would you describe it? In the box beside each way of describing a region, give details about your school. Share your "Home Region" work with a small group of friends.



## Asia - Regions



A **region** is an area of land that can be described by the features that make it **unique**. A region can be either large or small. Geographers like to study a region over time to see how it has changed. To describe a region, we can look at its **physical characteristics**, by the **languages** spoken there, and where, how, and why people live in that region. Asia is very large, and has many, many regions.



Two of the most interesting regions in Asia are the Deccan **Plateau** and the Malabar **Coast**.

Both are found in India, and are very different from one another. The Deccan Plateau has many areas of vast, flat lands. Rice and cotton are grown there. There are many hills and rivers in the area, such as the Krishna River and the Bhima River. The Deccan Plateau is drier than the rainforests of the Malabar Coast to the west. It also has a higher **elevation**. While many people live there now, this region was once the home to many ancient civilizations. The ruins of Vijayanagar show us that a powerful empire once thrived there long ago. The Malabar Coast is a long, thin region on India's west coast on the Arabian Sea. It is an area with thick rainforests. It is separated from the Deccan Plateau by a mountain range known as the Western Ghats. Most people on the Malabar Coast speak a language known as Malayalam, and have to endure yearly monsoon rains.



How is the Deccan Plateau different from the Malabar Coast?

The Middle East is an area with a long history, and is one of the most well-known regions in Asia. Made up of many small countries such as Israel, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Syria, the Middle East is considered a cultural and religious center for many people on Earth. Because of its significance, many people call parts of this area The Holy Land. This Middle East is a dry, hot area with rocky highlands, sandy deserts, and miles of shoreline on the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.



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1. **Circle** the word **TRUE** if the statement is true. **Circle** the word **FALSE** if it is false.

- |      |       |   |
|------|-------|---|
| TRUE | FALSE | a) The Deccan Plateau has many areas of vast, flat land.              |
| TRUE | FALSE | b) The Malabar Coast is on India's east coast.                        |
| TRUE | FALSE | c) The Middle East is tropical and humid.                             |
| TRUE | FALSE | d) The Holy Land is another name for parts of the Middle East.        |
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2. Here is a brick wall made up of the **features** of the Deccan Plateau and other regions. Color each brick that tells something about the **Deccan Plateau**.

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Vijayanagar	flat lands	jungle	grow rice
	many rivers	drier area	Nile River
Krishna River	Malayalam language	low elevation	coastal region



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Answer each question with a complete sentence.

3. Be like a geographer! Describe the Malabar Coast of India.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
4. Describe how geographers describe a region.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Research and Extensions

5. Many modern countries in Asia have been built on the sites of ancient civilizations. Thankfully, many ruins and buildings of these ancient civilizations still stand today! This allows us to learn about and appreciate those who lived long ago. Using the **Regions Change Over Time** organizer on the next page, compare an ancient Asian civilization with the one that exists there now. You will have to conduct some research before filling in the organizer. You may wish to decorate your organizer with drawings or pictures of the things you have discovered during your research (i.e., a drawing of an ancient civilization's ruins compared to a modern city, or a map showing the location of the ancient civilization).

6. Using a map of Asia, find and label the following regions in Asia. You may use an atlas to help you locate each region. (Hint: Look at a physical map!)

- |                     |                          |              |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Ural Mountains      | Arabian Desert           | Gobi Desert  |
| Malabar Coast       | Himalayas mountain range | Kashmir      |
| North China Plain   | Anatolia                 | Caucasus     |
| West Siberian Plain | Plateau of Tibet         | Mekong Delta |

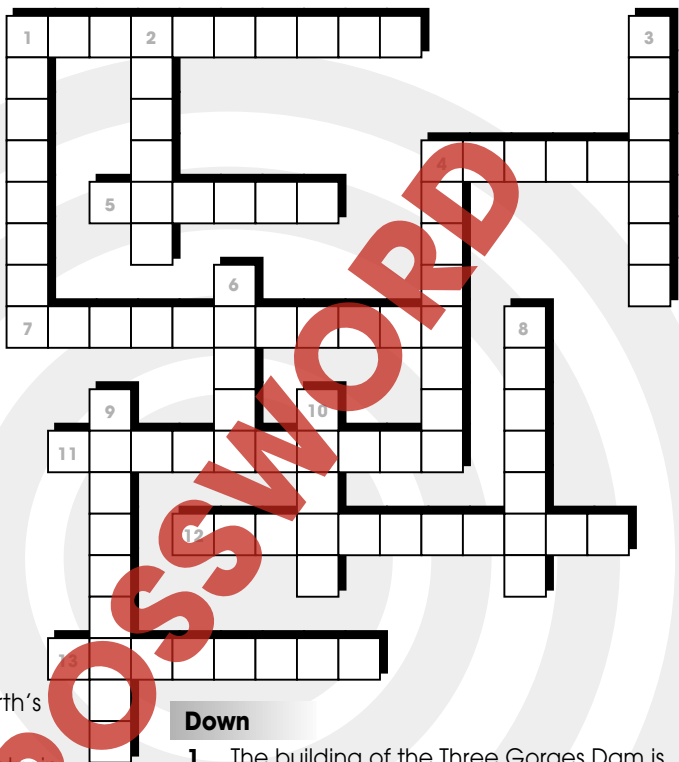
When you have finished labeling your map, choose one of these regions and collect more information about it. Present your findings to the class.





### Crossword Puzzle!

- unique
- positive
- population
- ports
- largest
- subway
- environment
- Russia
- China
- hemisphere
- rainforests
- movement
- equator
- religious
- relative



#### Across

- 1 Well over half of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_ lives in Asia
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest country in Asia
- 5 Underground trains that are very important in cities like Tokyo, Japan
- 7 Every day, the things people do affect their \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Asia is almost entirely in the eastern \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 The Malabar Coast in India is a region thick with \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ describes how people, products and ideas move from place to place

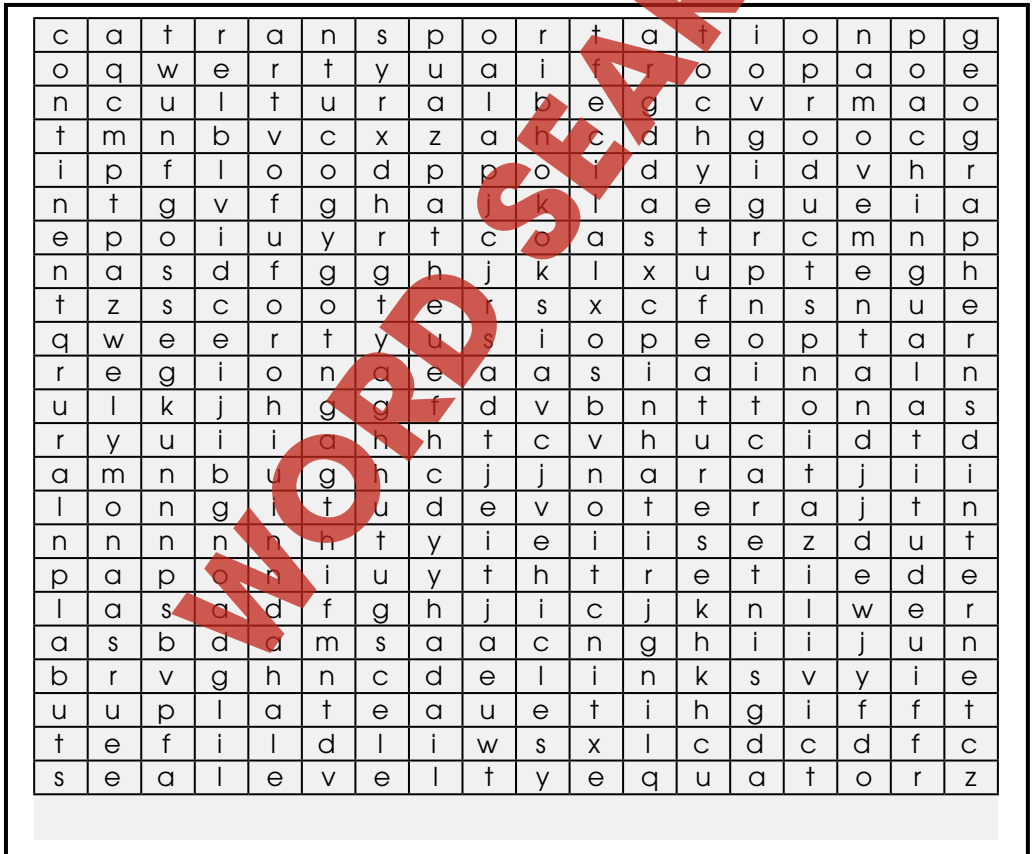
#### Down

- 1 The building of the Three Gorges Dam is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_ human/environment interaction
- 2 A region is an area of land with \_\_\_\_\_ features
- 3 Imaginary line running east-west around the middle of the Earth
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ location describes a place using the features around it
- 6 Hong Kong, Mumbai and Tokyo are cities with large sea \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Asia is the world's \_\_\_\_\_ continent
- 9 The Middle East is considered a cultural and \_\_\_\_\_ center for many people
- 10 The Yangtze River is located in \_\_\_\_\_

### Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards! Look carefully!

- Asia
- continent
- equator
- region
- rural
- languages
- cultural
- movement
- Internet
- extinction
- interaction
- geographer
- links
- longitude
- sea level
- plateau
- transportation
- scooters
- poaching
- flood
- civilization
- latitude
- urban
- wildlife
- features
- coast
- products
- vehicles



### Comprehension Quiz

#### Part A

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Circle the word TRUE if the statement is true. Circle the word FALSE if it is false.

- TRUE FALSE a) Most of Asia is north of the Equator.
- TRUE FALSE b) Asia is the world's largest continent.
- TRUE FALSE c) More than half of all the people on Earth live in Asia.
- TRUE FALSE d) China and India each have more than one billion people.
- TRUE FALSE e) Tigers and other endangered animals are safe from poachers.
- TRUE FALSE f) Train travel in Asia's busy cities, such as Tokyo, causes more pollution and traffic jams than cars alone.
- TRUE FALSE g) Latitude and longitude are used to find a place's relative location.
- TRUE FALSE h) The word rural describes an area in the country or a remote area.

#### Part B

Label the map by doing the following:

- 1. Show the following features on the map by writing the letter on the map in the correct location.

- a) Asia
- b) Europe
- c) Indian Ocean
- d) Pacific Ocean
- e) Africa



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- 2. Color the equator red.

SUBTOTAL: /14

### Asia Transportation Map



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

After You Read 



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1.

- a) **T**
- b) **F**
- c) **F**
- d) **T**
- e) **T**

3.

Rainforest, thin stretch of land, Monsoon season

4.

Look at physical characteristics, languages spoken, and where and how people live

5.

Answers will vary depending upon choices and resources used

2.

Color the following "bricks":  
high elevation  
grow cotton  
many hills  
Vijayanagar  
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grow rice  
many rivers  
drier area  
Krishna River

6.

Answers will vary

Across:

- 2. population
- 4. Russia
- 5. subway
- 7. environment
- 11. hemisphere
- 12. rainforests
- 13. movement

Down:

- 1. positive
- 2. unique
- 3. equator
- 4. relative
- 6. ports
- 8. largest
- 9. religious
- 10. China



# EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY



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